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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004. An Amendment was filed on 10/14/2004 just prior to receiving the Office Action dated October 5, 2004. The Current Amendment is entered in order to simply correct certain typographical errors, make the language of the teaching explicit/clear and sequential. The corrections are minor.

The Applicant has withdrawn without prejudice the Claims 22, 23 and 24. The Applicant respectfully requests that in view of the remaining allowable Claims, and in conjunction with the typographical and other formatting errors being corrected, the patent is ready for allowance and requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued so that the Applicant may pay the issue fees.

The Applicant has submitted a change of address and revocation of power of attorney form on September 8th, 2004. Consequently, the applicant requests that all communications be sent directly to the applicant at the address as below:

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